

Crime Trends - Nine specific types of offenses are compared from year to year. For 2005, there was a decrease in the total number of crimes from 2004. The total for 2005 was 376 versus 402 for 2004; a 6.92% decrease.

Mayor's Court Receipts - The Cheviot Mayor's Court hears traffic and criminal cases filed under Cheviot Ordinances. The income to the City *after* required disbursements totaled \$ 121,284.36 for 2005 versus the 2004 total of \$ 114,551.40, an increase of \$ 6,732.96, a 5.56% increase.

The gross total for 2005 was \$142,830.00.

Community Policing - The Cheviot Police Department was able to continue the commitment to community policing. Community policing practices contribute to a safer community and better relations with the residents and businesses. There was no outside funding available during 2005.

The Cheviot Police Department in conjunction with the Cheviot Action Partnership offered several programs for the youth in the community during 2005. Examples of these programs are the Easter Egg Hunt, the Safety Program at the Public Library (Hero's Day) and the Tie One On for a Safe Holiday program; and participation in the CWCA Outstanding Young Citizens Awards Banquet..

DARE Program – In 2005 the DARE program was cut, due to budgetary issues. Sergeant Lally conducted the Fifth grade Core Curriculum on his own time, but the rest of the program was suspended. Under normal circumstances DARE is a detailed program which begins with a safety lesson in Kindergarten, four safety-related visitations in the First grade; five safety-related visitations in Third grade, and a twelve week Core drug abuse prevention program taught in the Fifth grade. The Core program is followed by a Junior High program, which is presented on ten consecutive days to the Seventh grade. The program is presented by Sergeant Joseph Lally at Cheviot Elementary School and St. Martin's School. It is well accepted by the students, the faculty, and parents. Sergeant Lally has a good rapport with the students and teachers. This is beneficial when problems arise in or outside the schools. Sergeant Lally is a role model for the children and presents a positive image of a police officer to the youth in the community. The complete program is expected to return in 2006 with partial funding through a grant and inclusion in the regular budget.

Bicycle Patrol and Safety Program - Officers Chris Weber and Jeff Patton continued as Cheviot's bicycle patrol officers. Officers Chris Dezarn and Steve Ward joined the program in 2003. This program became operational in 2000 as part of the community-policing program. Bicycle patrols increase police visibility in an accessible way and facilitate cooperative relationships between residents and law enforcement. Bicycles also allow police to patrol and pursue suspects through areas that police cars cannot reach.

Cheviot bike patrol officers maintained a presence at Harvest Home Park and the business district during the daytime hours.

Police Explorer Post - Our post is handled by Officers Jeff Patton and Steve Knapp. It places an emphasis on building positive values and skills in youth and service to the community. Members of the police explorer post enter competitions to test their knowledge of policing and have placed well in these events. The police explorers assist the department with parades and other community events: (Memorial Day Parade, West Side Street Fest, Harvest Home Fair Parade and Fair).

Child Safety Initiatives - The police department provides these initiatives at community events (e.g. the Public Library Safety Day, Youth Power meetings and Departmental tours) to prevent child abductions and to create a safer community for the children. Children also have the opportunity to interact with police officers and learn about police equipment (e.g. police cars, police bicycles, and emergency equipment et cetera). Numerous groups of school children and scout groups tour the Department throughout the year. These groups meet the officers, ask questions, and have the opportunity to learn about police operations and equipment.

Sergeant Lally also conducted a seatbelt program, funded by the State, at both Cheviot and St. Martins Schools. It is a one day presentation at each school conducted annually.

Cheviot Juvenile Referee Diversion Court Program - This program allows us to route youth offenders away from the formal juvenile court. Referee Jeffery Schellinger hears these cases in Cheviot. Twenty cases were heard during 2005 versus thirty cases during 2004. This court saves officers from having to appear in juvenile court and addresses the problems that led to the original behavior. Examples of punishment meted out to youthful offenders are letters of apology, house arrest, essay and work details. Officer Bob Uhl schedules the cases for the juvenile referee diversion court program, acts as the court officer during hearings, and handles court related paperwork.

McGruff Youth Crime Prevention - Police officers and police explorers dress as McGruff the Crime Dog at community functions to help educate children on safety skills and the dangers of drugs through a variety of teaching methods. Studies have shown McGruff the Crime Dog to have a 95% recognition rate.

Walk Beats - This program was reinstated during 2005 as funding became available. These foot patrols on Friday and Saturday evenings placed an emphasis on the business district.